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IDANG receives new JTAC training system

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In May of this year, the 124th Air Support Operations Squadron here at Gowen Field received the Air National Guard Advanced JTAC Training System.

The device consists of an operator station made up of several computers and monitors, while the “dome” consists of nearly 360 degrees of high-quality display screens portraying a simulated combat environment.

The device supports JTACs—or Joint Terminal Attack Controllers—in meeting continuation qualification requirements at the squadron level, and facilitates regular mission rehearsal training.

Although every Air National Guard Tactical Air Control Party unit is scheduled to receive the simulator,



Simulator Operator Senior Airman Neil Moony, center, and Senior Airman Luke Nelson, right, both members of the 124th ASOS brief Maj. Gen. Gary Sayler, Adjutant General of the Idaho National Guard on the unit's newest training tool: the Air National Guard Advanced JTAC Training System on Oct. 31, 2014. Idaho is only one of five states to have the device.

currently Oklahoma, Texas, Indiana, and Georgia are the only other states to have the device. Because of this, and due to the proximity of the device to Idaho's first-class live-fly Close Air Support ranges, other states' TACPs have traveled here to take advantage of Idaho's simulator.

“This simulator will provide our unit the ability to stay

proficient in air-to-ground tactics, techniques and procedures in the wake of live-fly aircraft hour cutbacks,” said Senior Airman Neil Mooney, 124th ASOS Simulator Operator and Maintainer.

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